

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-20, and 44-52 are pending. Claims 43 and 53-62 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 5, 13, and 44-50 are amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-20 for which Applicants thank the Examiner. Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 5 and 13 to correct informalities. Accordingly Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-20 remain in condition for allowance.

The Examiner objected to claims 46-52, 54, and 57-62 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten claims 46 in independent form in accordance with Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 46 is in condition for allowance

Claims 44-45 and 47-52 depend from independent claim 46. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 44-45, and 47-52 are in condition for allowance.

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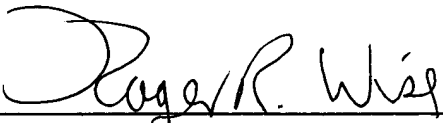
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Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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